

Application No. 09/701,962
(National Phase Application of PCT/JP99/03013)
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Amendments in the Specification

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c) the following version of the specification as rewritten by the foregoing amendment shows all the changes made relative to the previous version of the specification.

Please replace first complete paragraph on page 2 of the specification:

Examples of such a bridge include the slit bridge formed by a groove such as one disclosed in Japanese Patent Publication (Kokoku) No. 58-4981, in the three-layer tri-laminate bridge made of a porous layer inserted between hydrophobic coating film layers such as one disclosed in Japanese Patent Publication No. [58-4659] 59-4659, the shield type bridge which is a porous bridge composed of regions partitioned by shields that block diffusion of liquid such as one disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 58-201056, the thread bridge made of twisted yarn such as one disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 58-211648 and so forth.

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Amendments in the Claims

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3. (Amended) The ion activity-measuring device according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the hydrophobic bridge is produced by treating the portion contacting with the liquid reservoir with a spreading accelerator.


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REMARKS

This amendment removes a multidependent claim thus reducing the total amount of filing fee required for this application, and places all claims in condition for examination on the merits.

The applicants request entry of this amendment before calculating the total amount of filing fee, and await examination in due course.

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